

To the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Edward Lee and I am a member of the Bell City Rifle Club, the CCDL and Marine Corps Veteran of the Vietnam War. Club members and Veterans support the 2nd Amendment and we vote only for those that support our views.

Once again our rights are under assault. More laws are not what's needed, if they deterred criminals we would not have to keep passing new ones. Proof of that is in arrest reports that show the vast majority of gun crimes are committed by individuals with lengthy criminal records that are prohibited from possessing weapons of any kind. More restrictive laws will not change this.

Scapegoating guns is just a way to avoid the real issues. That is the failure of decades of social policy that has contributed to the breakdown of families which in turn contributes to poverty, poor educational outcomes in our schools, and violence in our cities.

Going after guns as a solution to these issues is easy and only serves to mask the real problems. Taking on the real causes of violence in society takes courage.

Thank you for your time,

Edward Lee

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